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Cleve started her career at CNN's Washington bureau. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Mass Communications from Howard University and holds a Bachelor's from LIM College.